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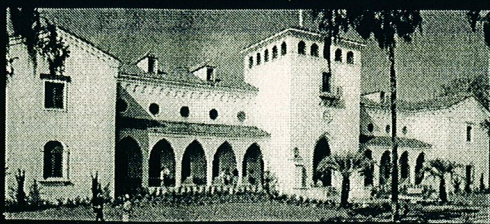
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## Library Electronic Technologies Survey Results—

A mail survey of Rollins faculty and professional staff on the use of electronic technologies and library resources was conducted late last year. Forty-one faculty members and fourteen professional staff members participated in this study. Here are some highlights:

Over 96% of the surveyed faculty and staff had access to computers and the Internet in their offices; also, 89% had computers and 60% had Internet connections at home.

More than 87% of the surveyed faculty and staff used a word processor and email on a daily basis; over 54% of the respondents also accessed the web every day.

The most likely sources the surveyed faculty and staff would consult for information were Olin Library, the Internet, and their personal libraries.

Fifty-eight percent of the respondents spent less than two hours per week in the Olin Library; reference/research and borrowing/returning books were the top two reasons for their library uses; Olin online catalog, ProQuest

Direct and FirstSearch were the most used databases.

Over 83% of the surveyed faculty and staff regarded the general quality of library services as either "excellent" or "good."

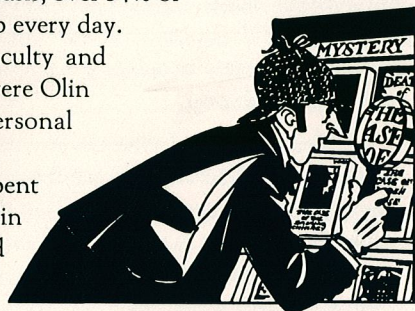
"Information accessible from their office," "too busy" and "no current need" were the three most cited reasons for not using the Olin Library; "lack of time" and "lack of training and assistance" were the two major obstacles to their effective use of library electronic technologies.

"More materials" and "more databases" were identified by the surveyed faculty and staff as the most desirable ways to improve library services to the Rollins academic community.

For more information on this study please contact Wenxian Zhang at 646-1533 or wzhang@rollins.edu

## The Case of the Covert Documents

I was on stake-out at the library reference desk when I first saw her. She was wandering from computer to computer with a glazed look on her face. "I need to find some good references on human rights in Ghana," she said. This student really needs help, I thought as I stood up and surveyed the reference area. I used my highly tuned detective powers to ascertain the M.O. of the indexes. Then I walked real slow toward my first suspect—**ProQuest Direct**. He spilled his guts without hesitation, but there were only eight references and only two were full text. Next, I headed toward my second suspect—**FirstSearch**. He only coughed up five references.



Next, I headed toward my third suspect—**Government Document Resources**. I didn't feel any great personal danger even though I was dealing with a government agency. I was sure now that some really good references would be found in this index. I clicked on **Government Documents Resources** and followed the path from International and Foreign information to Country Studies. Then, boldly I typed in human rights and limited by Ghana. Quietly, and probably unnoticed, I hummed a little tune to keep my courage up. Then, there it was! Great references! Sixteen relevant references in full-text! Trying not to look too smug, I showed the student the hard evidence. She was elated and proceeded to print them out. No money exchanged hands—I felt sorry for the kid and gave her one piece of free advice:

When looking for references on other countries, don't forget **Government Documents Resources** on the Olin Library Home Page at:

<http://www.rollins.edu/olin/index/htm>

—Michelle Hamerlin, pseudonym of an Olin Librarian, is involved mostly in undercover work, but from time to time—especially in the early morning hours—stakes out the reference area.

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## Welcome Information Technology—

We are pleased to welcome Les Lloyd, Dena Ford, Paul Welch, and Miriam Moore from the Information Technology (I.T.) Department to our building. Their offices are located past the Circulation Desk and the new computer classroom/lab is on the right.



I.T. will be managing not only the new Information Technology/lab, but the main computer lab located in the 24-hour study area, and the digital reproduction area in the Olin Library. This will be known as the Olin Electronic Research and Information Center (OERIC).

This move is designed to put all of the information technology on campus at the student's fingertips and make it available for the maximum number of hours in the day.

We hope you will come and visit and see the new and exciting things happening with I.T. and Olin.

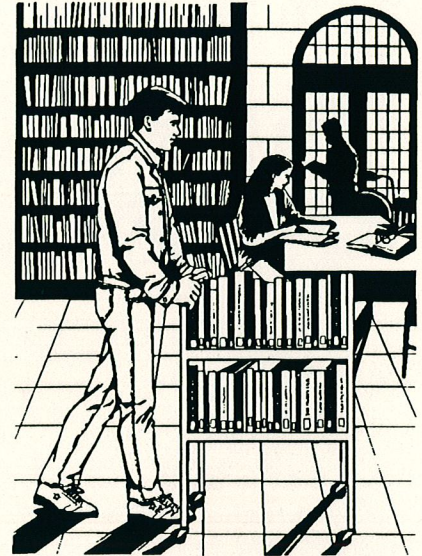
## Olin Library provides link to powerful research service—

Rollins College faculty, staff and students will now have access to a powerful new research service called *Academic Universe*. The program provides users access to millions of documents, including newspapers, journals and other research materials.

Produced by LEXIS-NEXIS, the world's largest full-text, online information provider, *Academic Universe* is now available through Rollins intranet. Users will be able to access more than one-billion documents from Olin Library computers and workstations across campus. In addition to constantly updated full-text documents from general-interest wire services, newspapers and magazines from around the world, *Academic Universe* also provides access to company profiles and financial reports, government transcripts, trade journals and academic and legal databases.

*Academic Universe* will be a very useful research service for students in many academic areas. It also has the added benefit that it is an exceptional, powerful and useful research tool for all administrators and staff who are involved in communications for the college.

Students, faculty and staff may access the user-friendly Web-based database on the library home page. For more information, call Olin reference services at 646-2507, or e-mail Wenxian Zhang.



## A Special Thanks—

Olin Library and Rollins College would like to say *THANK YOU* to all the special people who helped out this summer. As all of you know, the library has been undergoing construction for the past year, and many of the decidedly unglamorous jobs were performed by a variety of students. Nick Maratta and his trusty crew of Chris Cantrell, Tony Jones, Donnel Jones, Milton Reparip, and Reynaldo Taylor did a fantastic job moving and shelving seemingly endless amounts of books. Additionally, practically every piece of furniture in the building was touched by these gentlemen—ever searching for that perfect, aesthetic mix.

Special mention goes out to Solimar and Maria Afanador, who helped with shelving, data entry, and finishing the rest of Midge's fudge brownies.

Finally, Cindy Rubin should be commended for her tireless work at Circulation. She filled in for Marina Sobolevskaya who was on maternity leave (it's a boy--Lev). We couldn't have survived the summer without her.

THANKS!!

## Rollins College Archives now open in new location—

On August 10th, the Archives of Rollins College opened for business in its' new location on the first floor of Olin Library. The first-floor location means that all of the Archival records are available in a much larger facility on one floor for easier access.

The Archives is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 11:30 am and 12:30 pm to 4:00 pm.

If further information is needed, please call the Library Office at ext. 2676, or Archives at ext. 2421.



Extra, Extra, read all about it.....

## Olin Library springs a LAKE!!

That's right, it's not a typo, at the end of the spring semester the technical services department of Olin Library sprung a lake, a mural of a lake that is. The first floor of Olin Library, home to the periodicals, archives, and the technical services department, decided to spruce things up a little by having a mural painted on the South wall of the technical services area.

The mural is a beautiful recreation of Lake Virginia and was painted by none other than the ultra talented students at the theatre department. Rosie Brownell, Michelle Murray, and Stephanie Tolander volunteered their time and efforts by painting a scene of the gazebo juxtaposed to Lake Virginia that is located behind the art museum. This work of art is painted on a wall 30 feet wide and 8 feet tall and took nearly 2 months from start to finish.

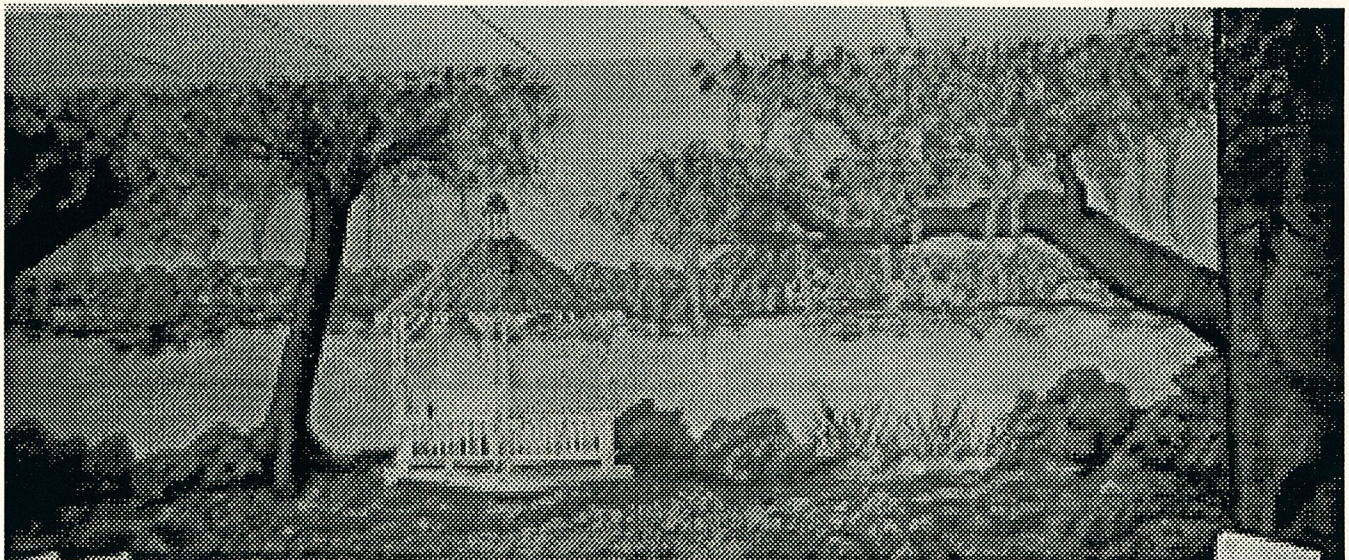
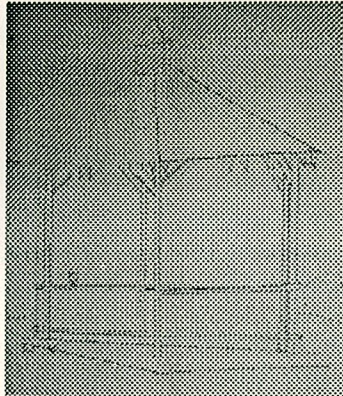
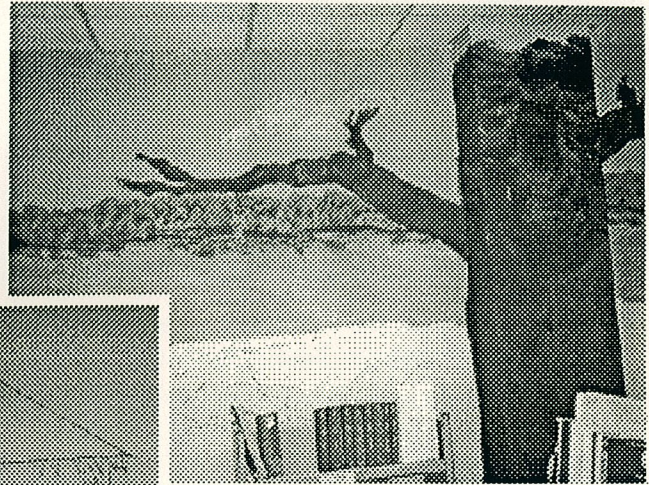
The once non-existing wall underwent a fascinating transformation. After the construction was finished, the gloomy beige wall began to come to life. The first step of this major change was drawing vague charcoal sketches. When the sketches were finished, layers of color were applied that started out looking like a mixed up painter's palette. Despite all of the alterations, it was not long until the birds were chirping, the squirrels were scampering, and wind was

virtually blustering through the hanging moss, tall trees and colorful bushes. The boisterous flowers and soothing gazebo entice onlookers with a warm and friendly comfort. The only encumbrance is that swimming in the lake is strictly prohibited.

Not only did the students complete this splendid scene, but they also had to maintain their regular class load. In fact, the creation of the mural was no simple task. The able artists were strained to

work around the commotion of the construction at Olin Library as well as the work schedules of the faculty and staff. These students should be commended for their unique talents and tireless efforts. The once dull downstairs of the library is now bursting with personality and color. Indeed, the day that Olin Library sprung a lake will not soon be forgotten and the outcome will leave a lasting impact on Rollins students, employees, alumni, and generations to come.

The mural is located on the first floor of the library in room 110 and may be viewed from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm Monday through Friday.





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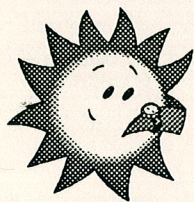
## New Staff Members —

Welcome to **Kester Cox** and **James Tramontana**, Circulation Specialists. Kester comes to us from the Downtown branch of the Orange County Public Library System where he worked at the Circulation Desk, shelving and shifting the collection. When he isn't working the Olin night shift, Kester enjoys soccer, basketball and collecting coins. Jim comes to us by way of UCF and Brevard County Public Library. He enjoys computers, books, staying up late and sleeping in. Jim and Kester are our new Night Crew and we're excited to have them here.

**Kim Nordstrom** has been filling in for **Margie Del Rio** who is out on maternity leave (it's a girl--Bianca).

## Remember!!

You must be a registered Rollins student and bring in your *brand new (current)* Rollins College photo I.D. to be entered into our system to check out books and reserves. Your *new (current)* Rollins College photo I.D. also allows you to make copies from our new Sharp copy machines if you have opened a FLEX account. Check with the Circulation Desk for more information.



## Olin Hours

Monday - Thursday ..... 8:00 am—Midnight  
Friday ..... 8:00 am— 5:00 pm  
Saturday ..... 9:00 am— 5:00 pm  
Sunday ..... Noon — Midnight



## Docs Data—Personnel Changes

Our Documents Librarian, **Carolyn McFarland**, who has been in charge of the Federal Depository Collection at Rollins since 1971, is now retired and working part-time on the Reference Desk. During her recent Sabbatical, Carolyn spent time writing a research guide for Rollins students on international relations. It has often been difficult for our students in international law and politics to find adequate primary sources for their research projects.

Our Documents Assistant, **Kathie Fennell**, left Olin to become Director of Library Services at the law firm of Holland and Knight McGuire Voorhis and Wells.

**Donna Barranti**, who replaced Kathie, comes to us from Stetson University where she gathered six years experience in documents processing and cataloging. Prior to Stetson, Donna developed technical libraries for various California Corporations including: Hewlett Packard, Honeywell-Synertec, and GE-Calma. For the past four years, Donna designed, edited, and published *Sun Docs News: a newsletter for the depository libraries of Florida and the Caribbean*.

## Olin Telephone Numbers



Information ..... 646-2376  
Circulation ..... 646-2521  
Reference ..... 646-2507  
Documents ..... 646-2693  
Archives ..... 646-2421

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